

Exhibit 29

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

BLACK LOVE RESISTS IN THE RUST, et al.,
individually and on behalf of a class of
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

1:18-cv-00719-CCR

CITY OF BUFFALO, N.Y., et al.,

Defendants.

ORAL EXAMINATION OF AARON YOUNG

APPEARING REMOTELY FROM

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

pursuant to notice

REPORTED BY:

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APPEARING REMOTELY FROM CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

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1 A No.

2 Q Have you discussed this lawsuit with anybody other
3 than your attorney?

4 A No.

5 Q Are you currently employed at the BPD?

6 A Yes, I am.

7 Q And what is your current position?

8 A I'm the chief of the School Resource Unit and other
9 special units of the Buffalo Police Department.

10 Q And at one time were you also chief of the Housing
11 Unit?

12 A Yes, I was.

13 Q But you are not chief of the Housing Unit today?

14 A No, I'm not.

15 Q Okay. And during what time period did you hold that
16 position?

17 A I was chief of the Housing and Strike Force Unit 2018
18 through -- it disbanded in 2020 -- when it ended. I
19 may be off a little bit on the years.

20 Q Yeah. Okay. So we can come back and correct the
21 years. I think I have some documents that will
22 correct that. But you're remembering approximately a
23 couple of years as chief of the Strike Force?

1 Q So you did not view enforcing zero tolerance crime
2 policy as part of your job as chief?

3 A No, I did not.

4 Q Did you have any involvement in setting Strike Force
5 patrol locations?

6 A No, I did not.

7 Q Do you know who did set the Strike Force patrol
8 locations?

9 A That's -- that direction came from the deputy of
10 operations to the captains and lieutenants of Strike
11 Force.

12 Q And would -- and that was --

13 A Lockwood, Lieutenant Lockwood.

14 Q And he communicated directly with the captain or
15 through you?

16 MR. SAHASRABUDHE: Form.

17 A It was through the captains.

18 Q And just to clarify, Lockwood spoke directly to the
19 captains?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And you were not involved in the conversation?

22 A Not usually, no.

23 Q And was that the case throughout the time that you

1 A I believe they assisted in the housing areas, yes.

2 Q To your knowledge, did the Housing Unit run
3 checkpoints on its own without the Strike Force?

4 A I'm not sure. I wasn't --

5 Q Did the Housing Unit checkpoints have the same
6 programmatic purpose as the Strike Force checkpoints?

7 MR. SAHASRABUDHE: Form.

8 A I can't answer that. I don't know.

9 Q Did the Housing Unit issue directives when it ran
10 checkpoints without the Strike Force?

11 MR. SAHASRABUDHE: Form.

12 A I'm unaware of that.

13 Q Did you as chief ever direct the housing unit to
14 issue checkpoint directives when it ran checkpoints?

15 A No.

16 Q And the goal of the checkpoints was to enforce
17 provisions of the vehicle and traffic law, right?

18 MR. SAHASRABUDHE: Form.

19 A That is correct.

20 Q Did you ever take any steps to ensure that officers
21 were making roadblocks obvious with overhead flashing
22 lights?

23 A No, I did not personally.

1 STATE OF OHIO)

2 COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA)

3 I, Luanne K. Howe, Notary Public, in and for the
4 County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, do hereby certify:

5 That the witness whose testimony appears
6 hereinbefore was, before the commencement of his testimony,
7 duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing
8 but the truth; that said testimony was taken remotely
9 pursuant to notice at the time and place as herein set
10 forth; that said testimony was taken down by me and
11 thereafter transcribed into typewriting, and I hereby
12 certify the foregoing transcript is a full, true and correct
13 transcription of my shorthand notes so taken.

14 I further certify that I am neither counsel for
15 nor related to any party to said action, nor in any way
16 interested in the outcome thereof.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my
18 name and affixed my seal this 2nd day of November, 2022.

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Luanne K. Howe
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